

LIVING WATER

The Monthly Newsletter of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral ❖ Nov 2022



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

What does it mean to be a member of the Church? We are so used to hearing the term “membership” associated with secular things that the word has lost its meaning. We can be members of the Rotary Club or Kiwanis. We can be members of a discussion group on Facebook or Twitter. We can be members of Costco or Sam’s Club. We even call it membership when we are approved for a new credit card. Some of these types of membership connect to our self-perception of identity; and others are quite meaningless.

The English word “member” comes from the Latin term *membrum*, and means “limb.” We still use the word for this purpose as well. But the correlation of limbs to the idea of connection to other people is an image that originated in the New Testament.

St. Paul gives the earliest usage of this, describing the Church as “the Body of Christ,” and each person who is in the Church is a limb or “member” of that body. In so doing, he emphasizes our unity to one another as Christians, and to Jesus Christ as the head of the body. He writes:

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. (1 Cor 12:12-14).

This is an understanding of membership that is very different from anything else. It is not simply a loose affiliation of persons, nor a representation of our likes and dislikes: it is the spiritual union of the faithful with

each other, and with God himself.

The membership St. Paul describes refers not only to the Orthodox Church spread across the globe, but also to each local parish. Our Cathedral, for example, is a microcosm of the Diocese, the Orthodox Church in America, and the worldwide Orthodox Church. It is important that we see ourselves as members of these concentric rings of the Church in order to avoid becoming sectarian or ethnocentric. But at the same time, human beings are limited by time and space, and so our attention will naturally be focused on our local community. It is within our parish that we “work out [our] salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil 2:12) as we grow together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



As much as we may romanticize about life in the past—whether it be the Byzantine Empire, Holy Rus, or even 1950’s America—we must live out our faith in the here and now, amongst the people whom God has called. As the world around us drifts further and further from Christ, we must push back (at least in our own lives) by connecting more deeply with our fellow members.

Ideally, the parish community should be the central organizing principle in our lives, just as it was in the time of St. Paul. Of course, he reminds us that “all the members do not have the same function” (Rom 12:4). We each bring our unique gifts to the community. But unless we make the effort to be together, not just for worship but much more often, our gifts will be squandered and we will not be truly bound as members to one another and to Christ.

In Christ,

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Announcements

✦ *Annual Meeting*

The 2022 Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, Nov 13 after Liturgy. We will be having a BBQ that day, so please bring meat to grill, plus side dishes.

✦ *Autumn Lecture*

Our Autumn Lecture will take place on Saturday, Nov 19 at 11 AM, and feature historian Richard Rohlin, co-host of the Amon Zul show on Ancient Faith Radio, and guest host on The Symbolic World.

✦ *Thanksgiving Day*

There will be a thanksgiving dinner on Nov 24 after Liturgy for anyone who has no meal to go to. A sign-up for dishes will be emailed out soon.

Clergy

Fr. Joseph Lucas, PhD., MDiv.
*Rector of the Cathedral
Dean of South Florida*

Dn. Carlos Miranda, MDiv.

Minor Orders

Sbdn. Michael Richards
Rdr. Christopher Herbert
Rdr. Anthony Brian Allen
Rdr. Nilus Wawerczyk

Retired Attached

Fr. Philip Reese
Fr. Michael Zaparyniuk
Fr. Leonid Palceski

Parish Council

Rdr Christopher Herbert - Warden / Secretary
Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Treasurer
Rdr Anthony Brian Allen - Council Member
Nicole Mary Richards - Council Member
Duane Patrick Clarke - Council Member
Vernon Andrew Lee - Council Member
William Wusylko - Council Member

Choir

Elena Voronkova - Director

Orthodox Book Center

Rdr Nilus Wawerczyk - Director

Financial Secretary

J. Thomas Hornsey

Office Secretary

Hope Petipren

Prayer List for Healing

Carrie Wusylko / Ayesha Doten
Elena Voronkova / Karen Budowski
Norma Skuby / Vernon Lee
Edward White / Georgette Hartner
Joshua Herbert / Antonio Nicodemo
Catherine and Elena Morris
Georgina Nikolic / Mary Perkins



“What will you answer the Judge?
You gorgeously array your walls,
but do not clothe your fellow
human being; you adorn horses,
but turn away from the
shameful plight of your brother
or sister; you allow grain to rot
in your barns, but do not
feed those who are starving;
you hide gold in the earth, but
ignore the oppressed!”

- St Basil the Great

November Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Herbert
- 3 Lillian Raynes
- 7 Iulia Maria Goean
- 12 Vasilisa Tikhonov
- 13 Mekhi Bryant
- 14 Johnathan Clarke
- 15 Pres. Irina Lucas
- 15 Kathleen Shiskin
- 16 Felipe Pineros
- 17 Joshua Thomas Hornsey
- 18 Joseph Waite
- 20 Joshua Herbert
- 20 William Herbert
- 22 Clarice White
- 24 Hendrick Mejias
- 27 Luke Thomas Paulovkin

November Anniversaries

- 1 J.T. & Victoria Hornsey
- 10 Junior & Argentina Garcia
- 24 Rdr. Christopher & Lisa Herbert
- 27 Henry & Natasha Campos

Wish List

*Manischewitz Concord Grape Wine
for Zapivka (after communion)*

Olive Oil for Lamps

*Winn Dixie / Publix Gift-Cards
for the Needy*

Books or Rolls of Stamps

Costco Colombian Coffee

Half and Half for Agape Hour

*Home Depot Gift Cards
for Parish Gardening / Tools*